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One dead following HOUSE FIRE IN RIVER HEIGHTS

Winnipeg police confirmed one person is dead after a fire ripped through a one-and-a-half storey home in River Heights early Thursday. No other information on the victim was made available. Fire crews were called to the home at 1228 Fleet Ave. around 1:30 a.m., and remained on scene in the bitter cold for several hours battling the stubborn blaze. The cause of the fire is under investigation and an estimate on damages wasn't immediately available from the city. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Biker club wiped out, RCMP say

Rock Machine.
 Entire Winnipeg chapter arrested

Mounties believe they have dismantled an outlaw motorcycle club in the Manitoba capital, but one expert thinks the gang is bound to continue its criminal ways in the city.

RCMP announced Thursday that they have arrested 11 people, including four members and one prospect, of the Rock Machine biker club. The others arrested were described as independent drug traffickers.

They all face various charges related to drug and firearms trafficking.

At a news conference, officers displayed black Rock Machine jackets, shirts and patches alongside drugs, guns

and cash seized during the arrests Wednesday.

Insp. Len Delpino said the arrests have wiped out the gang's operation in Winnipeg.

"We have in custody the entire, full Winnipeg chapter of the Rock Machine," he said. "We brought down a very high level, organized crime group and ... it's a safe and better place here in Manitoba today."

Some pipe bombs and dynamite were also discovered during a raid at a building on Wall Street where one Rock Machine member worked, said Delpino. Nearby homes and businesses were temporarily evacuated.

Supt. Robert Bazin said the complicated investigation, dubbed Operation Dilemma, began last summer and involved more than 140 officers, including Winnipeg police.

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They've got something to prove

Neither the San Francisco 49ers nor the Baltimore Ravens have ever tasted Super Bowl defeat. Metro looks at the teams and the players PAGES 28 & 29

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Committee. Evening, weekend construction approved

A councillor's motion for more construction work to be done during evenings and weekends has overcome its first hurdle.

The city's infrastructure and public works committee approved Coun. Scott Fielding's motion on Thursday, with the chair of the committee saying it's "common sense."

"If we can accelerate construction projects, we can minimize traffic disruption during the day on major arteries, then let's do it," said Coun. Dan Vandal (St. Boniface).

"The key consideration is safety of the workers as well as we want to protect people who live near construction, we don't want them to be disrupted in the evening, so when it makes sense, let's do it."

Fielding's motion further asks city officials to review incentives for the early completion of projects and penalties for delays, as well as for a status report and implementation plan to be ready for the April 16 public works committee meeting.

"This is something that every major city in Canada and the United States does," said Fielding.

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Projects

Projects that could see evening and weekend construction:

- Polo Park, St. James Street area in 2013 and 2014
- Molson Street widening
- Portage Avenue rehabilitation between St. John Ambulance Way and Sherburn street
- Work on Lagimodiere Boulevard, St. Mary's Road and Century Street

Decision on second phase of rapid transit route delayed

A city committee has delayed a decision on where the second phase of Winnipeg's rapid transit route will be located.

City officials are recommending that the second phase — which will go south to the University of Manitoba — run west through the Parker Lands, and southeast along the Manitoba Hydro Corridor.

The report was only made public in recent days, causing concern that there was not enough time for residents to provide their feedback.

Coun. Dan Vandal (St. Boniface), chair of the infrastruc-

ture renewal and public works committee, said the delay was the "reasonable thing to do."

"The big story is that the money (for rapid transit) is in the budget, we're going to do it," said Vandal after Thursday's meeting.

"It's taken us years to get to this point, if it takes us another month, so be it."

In December, Mayor Sam Katz announced the city is committing \$137.5 million to the project that would link downtown to the University of Manitoba, plus \$1.1 million toward the design work.

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Coun. Dan Vandal speaks to reporters about Rapid Transit in December while Mayor Sam Katz, left, and Coun. Russ Wyatt look on. METRO FILE

Snowplows, garbage need to get it together: Coun.

Waste of time. Coun. Sharma says plows shouldn't have to remove trash bins



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There were calls for better co-ordination between snow plowing and the collection of garbage and recycling during a city committee meeting on Thursday.

Coun. Devi Sharma (Old Kildonan) said she recently saw bins on her street, including hers, which were moved over when a sidewalk snow-plow came through.

Sharma said the plow's operator then got out of the machine to put them back where they were.

"It's just sort of a waste of his time to get out and do that," said Sharma.

"I think we need to have

that conversation ... and try to avoid (this)."

Brad Sacher, the City of Winnipeg's director of public works, told councillors on the infrastructure renewal and public works committee that he is aware of some instances when there has been overlap.

Sacher said that public works does try to co-ordinate between the public works and the water and waste departments.

"Our understanding is that, in general, it's a fairly limited number of instances where this has occurred, but I can assure you that we do everything we can," said Sacher.

"My understanding is that it hasn't been a huge issue, (but) we're going to continue to work on it."

Sacher said the city has had "two rounds" of large snow removals that have coincided with garbage and recycling collection, so their aim is to continue to improve the services.



Snowplows work their way down Osborne Street Tuesday night. Coun. Devi Sharma says she'd like to see better co-ordination between snowplowing and garbage and recycling collection services. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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Shock. Regent Avenue Future Shop closed amid countrywide layoffs

Employees at a local electronics store went to work Thursday morning only to be greeted with locked doors, a sign and a pink slip.

Workers at Future Shop on Regent Avenue were given no notice the store would be closed effective immediately, said one worker who asked not to be named.

"It sucks. There's no other way to say it," he said. "It's cold as hell and you come here to see a sign on the door that says 'Sorry, we're closed, we'll call you eventually, maybe?'"

"Some of us have been here a long time. It's a really lousy way to be treated."

Best Buy Canada told the Financial Post on Thursday they were closing 15 Best Buy and Future Shop stores, in-

cluding one in Winnipeg.

In a statement sent to the Financial Post, president Mike Pratt said 900 workers lost their jobs.

Best Buy is now down to three Future Shop locations in Winnipeg, and currently has two Best Buy locations, including one right beside the Future Shop on Regent Avenue.

Store closures affect outlets in B.C., Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario. The electronics chain told the Financial Post they will instead launch smaller Future Shop web stores and Best Buy mobile stores in Canada over the next few years.

Meanwhile, Sears Canada also announced layoffs on Tuesday. About 15 Winnipeg workers were affected.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO



Employees were told of the layoffs via a sign on the door. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

K-9 unit. Winnipeg police dogs sniff out shoplifter, armed robber

Canine members of the Winnipeg Police Service's K-9 unit deserve extra treats after a successful day catching criminals Wednesday.

Police dogs were brought in to help after a man stole smokes from a convenience store in the 1300 block of Main Street around 3 a.m., and then again when another man stuck up a South Osborne gas station

with a weapon around 9:30 p.m.

In both cases the K-9 unit was able to track the suspects to nearby residences where officers made quick arrests.

Richard Deblois, 27, was taken into custody in connection to the gas bar robbery, and William Joseph Cook, 23, was detained for his alleged role in the cigarette theft. METRO



Walk raises awareness of homelessness and hunger

Ladybug Foundation founder Hannah Taylor speaks to the handful of hearty Winnipeggers who kept warm in red scarves and took part in the charity's annual Walk A Mile in Their Shoes, raising money and awareness for Canadians who are homeless and hungry. The mile-long walk is held in conjunction with National Red Scarf Day and similar hikes were held across Canada and around the world in support of the foundation. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

'equALL' theme for 2013 Pride

26th annual festival. This year's fest will bring attention to LGBT rights worldwide



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Pride Winnipeg unveiled the theme it has chosen for its 26th annual festival Thursday, and organizers want festival goers to think globally while celebrating on city streets later this year.

The theme "equALL" was chosen to bring attention to the fight for LGBT rights inter-

nationally, explained Pride Winnipeg's vice-president Craig Theriault.

"In Canada we enjoy a lot of equal human rights, but that's not the case around the world," he said. "We're not just promoting an agenda of equality in Canada, but trying support that globally."

"We want to make sure that our brothers and sisters from around the world are remembered at Pride events."

Theriault pointed to the controversial Ugandan anti-gay bill commonly referred to as the "kill the gays" legislation that had asked for the death penalty for those convicted of various homosexual activities. The bill's author

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Pride 2013 is holding a launch party Friday at Gio's starting at 9 p.m. with a \$10 donation at the door going to support this year's Pride Festival.

has since told the Associated Press the death penalty has been removed from the legislation, although jail time is recommended for various offences in the new draft.

"Pride organizations around the world are concerned about that and trying to do anything they can to try and influence a change

in that part of the world," he said.

Theriault said an estimated 30,000 people attended last year's celebration of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited and queer peoples, and told Metro festival goers can expect a similar 10-day party including a huge wrap-up at the Forks following the parade through downtown Winnipeg on the festival's last day.

"There's something for everybody," he said. "Pride is not just pride amongst the LGBT community, it's pride amongst the greater community too."

The Pride of the Prairies festival runs May 24-June 2.

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This isn't the first time Sen. Patrick Brazeau has been chastised for a loose tongue. In this image, he accepts the Bad Sport Award at the National Press Gallery Dinner in Gatineau in November. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Consequences.

Senator faces calls for punishment after mocking Chief Spence



MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

Some Idle No More organizers want repercussions for Sen. Patrick Brazeau after he made what they say are inappropriate comments about Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence at a Conservative fundraising event.

Brazeau referred to Spence's "so-called hunger strike" at a Legion hall in Ottawa and mocked her physical shape.

"I was sick two weeks ago," Brazeau said. "I had the flu and I lost five pounds. I look at Miss Spence, when she started

her hunger strike, and now?" A voice then called out, "She's fatter," which drew laughter from much of the audience.

Erica Lee, one of the many organizers of the Idle No More movement, said although she's not surprised by the senator's remarks, she feels they were inappropriate and there should be consequences.

"It is frustrating, because he is a First Nations senator, and to ... have him make extremely racist and sexist comments towards Theresa Spence, continually, is very disheartening," said Lee.

Lee added she feels Brazeau's position as a senator should be reviewed and noted it may be too late for apologies.

Metro tried to reach Brazeau for comment, but phone calls to his office were not returned.

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Facebook furor

Newspaper stares down racist users

A Manitoba newspaper has shut down its Facebook page after receiving a deluge of anti-native comments from users.

Thompson Citizen editor John Barker decided to shut down the page Wednesday, explaining in an editorial that the paper would not "stand by and let anti-aboriginal racists and haters spew their evil."

Because newspapers support free speech and the exchange of ideas, the decision was a difficult one, Barker wrote. Ultimately, it

was the lack of control over the hateful comments that pushed the paper's hand.

"If a comment was deemed in our judgment to be offensive or inappropriate, we were almost always in the position of dealing with it after the fact," he wrote.

Editors struggled with the negative comments, which at one point included tagging the paper's profile photo with offensive material. They tried to change the privacy settings, but were unable to control the problem.

"Sorry, can't be done. So the 'responsible' action for us to take is to say, 'Sayonara, Facebook.' Alas, racism never sleeps."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tory MPs. Harper rebuffs effort to have abortions investigated as homicide

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says while some of his Conservative MPs may not agree, abortion is legal in Canada.

Harper made the comments while under questioning in the House of Commons over a letter written by three Tory MPs who want the RCMP to investigate hundreds of abortions as possible homicides.

"I think all members of this house, whether they agree with it or not, understand that abortion is legal in Canada, and this government, myself included, has made it very clear that the government does not intend to change the law in this regard," Harper said Thursday.

The MPs from Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario made the request on House of Commons letterhead to RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

They call the abortions "possible murders" that require a thorough police investigation.

"From 2000 to 2009 in Canada, there were 491 abortions of 20 weeks gestation and greater that resulted in live births," reads the letter dated Jan. 23. "This means that the aborted child died after it was born."

The letter is signed by

Criminal Code

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- **Homicide.** Section 223 (2) says a person commits homicide when he causes injury to a child before or during its birth as a result of which the child dies after becoming a human being.

MPs Maurice Vellacott of Saskatoon-Wanuskewin, Leon Benoit of Vegreville-Wainwright and Wladyslaw Lizon of Mississauga East-Cooksville.

Officials at RCMP national headquarters in Ottawa said they have received the letter, but declined further comment.

"These are vulnerable, innocent children that homicide has been perpetrated on," Vellacott said Thursday from Ottawa.

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Diane-35

Drug under review after French ban

Health Canada says it is reviewing all available information on the drug Diane-35 following France's decision to ban it following four deaths over the last 25 years.

The four women died of blood clots linked to their use of Diane-35, an acne drug that is also widely prescribed "off-label" as a contraceptive.

France plans to withdraw

Diane-35, licensed in 135 countries, from sale in three months. Meanwhile, doctors are banned from prescribing the medication.

Available since 1998 in Canada, Diane-35 is approved only for the temporary treatment of severe acne in women who are unresponsive to other treatments, Health Canada said Thursday.

Blood clots are a rare but well-known side-effect of birth control pills, said the federal department.

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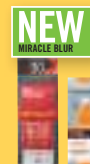
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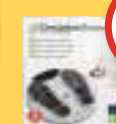
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Hostage standoff. Alleged killer remains with child in underground bunker

Speaking into a ventilation pipe, hostage negotiators tried to talk a man into releasing a five-year-old boy and ending a standoff at an underground bunker in rural Alabama that stretched into its third day.

The man identified by multiple neighbours and witnesses as 65-year-old retired truck driver Jimmy Lee Dykes was accused of pulling the boy from a school bus on Tuesday and killing the driver. The man and boy were holed up in a small room on his property that authorities compared to tornado shelters common in the area.

James Arrington, police chief of the neighbouring town of Pinckard, said the shelter was about 4 feet underground, with a ventilation pipe that negotiators were speaking through.

There were signs that the standoff could continue for some time: A state legislator said the shelter has electricity, food and TV. The police chief said the captor has been sleeping and told negotiators that he has spent long periods in the shelter before.

"He will have to give up sooner or later because (au-

Local hero

The bus driver, Charles Albert Poland Jr., 66, was hailed by locals as a hero who gave his life to protect the 21 students aboard the bus. Authorities say most of the students scrambled to the back of the bus when the gunman boarded and said he wanted two boys 6 to 8 years old. When the gunman went down the aisle, authorities said, Poland tried to block him.

thorities) are not leaving," Arrington said. "It's pretty small, but he's been known to stay in there eight days."

Midland City Mayor Virgil Skipper said he has been briefed by law enforcement and visited with the boy's parents. "He's crying for his parents," he said.

The normally quiet road was teeming Thursday with more than a dozen police cars and trucks, a fire truck, a helicopter, media and at least one ambulance near Midland City, population 2,300.

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For real this time

Beyoncé sings the national anthem during a news conference Thursday in New Orleans. The singer answered critics of her Inauguration Day performance the best way she could — with another sterling performance of the national anthem. The difference? On Thursday, it was live. She admitted during her Super Bowl news conference that when she performed for President Barack Obama and the nation, she decided to sing to a prerecorded track because she didn't have time to practice. She said she wanted the day to go off without a hitch. MATT SLOCUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blaer hitch. Icelandic teen wins bid to keep 'inappropriate' name

A 15-year-old Icelandic girl has been granted the right to legally use the name given to her by her mother, despite the opposition of authorities and Iceland's strict law on names.

Reykjavik District Court ruled Thursday that the name Blaer can be used. It means light breeze.

The decision overturns an earlier rejection by Icelandic authorities who declared it was not a proper feminine name. Until now, Blaer Bjark-

ardottir had been identified simply as Girl in communications with officials.

"I'm very happy," she said after the ruling. "I'm glad this is over. Now I expect I'll have to get new identity papers. Finally, I'll have the name Blaer in my passport."

Like a handful of other countries, including Germany and Denmark, Iceland has official rules about what a baby can be named.

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Anderson Live

Acid attack victim's treatment paid for

A Quebec woman who was disfigured in an acid attack will have her scars treated by laser surgery in the United States — thanks to Anderson Cooper's show. Tanya St-Arnauld appeared on Anderson Live on Wednesday, where she received the news that a Florida-based dermatologist would fly her down for treatment.

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Drug conversation

Pocket-dial leads to man's arrest

Authorities say a Florida truck driver landed in jail after his cellphone pocket-dialled the police and dispatchers listened in on a conversation about the sale of drugs. Deputies say 19-year-old Matthew Dollarhide was surprised when a Volusia County Sheriff's deputy pulled him over late Tuesday.

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Lawyer, CEO targeted. Shooter turns gun on himself after killings

A body found early Thursday among bushes in an Arizona suburb has been positively identified as the man who killed a company CEO and critically wounded a lawyer a day earlier, police said.

A landscaper found the body of Arthur Douglas Harmon, 70. He died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, and a handgun was also found, police said. Nearby in a parking lot was a rented Kia Optima sedan he drove to the shooting scene on Wednesday, authorities said.

Harmon drew a gun and shot both men at the end of a mediation session Wednesday morning at an office building in north-central Phoenix, police said.

Steve Singer, 48, died hours later. Mark Hummels, 43, is in critical condition. A 32-year-old woman was also shot but suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

"We believe the two men were the targets. It was not a random shooting," said Sgt. Tommy Thompson, a Phoenix police spokesman.

Harmon also shot at some-

Call-centre connection

One of the gunman's victims was the CEO of Fusion Contact Centers LLC.

- The gunman — Arthur Douglas Harmon — was hired by Fusion to refurbish office cubicles at two call centres in California.
- According to court documents, Harmon was scheduled to go to a law office in the building where the shooting took place for a settlement conference in a lawsuit he filed last April against Fusion.

one who tried to follow him to get his licence-plate number, authorities said.

"As he left the scene, an individual witness got in his own car and actually followed Harmon in his Optima, and he drove into a neighbourhood and Harmon actually got out of his car and shot at that witness," Thompson said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Palestinians say UN report proves 'ethnic cleansing'

Settlement policy.
United Nations states Israel is undermining Palestinians' right to self-determination

The United Nations' first report on Israel's overall settlement policy describes it as a "creeping annexation" of territory that clearly violates the human rights of Palestinians, and calls for Israel to immediately stop further such construction.

The report's conclusions, revealed Thursday, are not legally binding, but they further inflame tensions between the UN Human Rights Council and Israel, and between Israel and the Palestinians. Israeli officials immediately denounced the report, while Palestinians pointed to it as "proof of Israel's policy of ethnic cleansing" and its desire to undermine the possibility of a Palestinian state.

The Palestinians also hinted that they could use the report as a basis for legal action toward a war crimes prosecution.



The West Bank Jewish settlement of Modiin Illit is seen in the background of this file photo. On Thursday, the United Nations' first report on the broad policy of Israeli settlements concluded that the Israeli government's practice of "creeping annexation" clearly violates the human rights of Palestinians, and called for an immediate halt. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In its report to the 47-nation council, a panel of investigators said Israel is violating international humanitarian law under the Fourth Geneva Convention, one of the treaties that establish the ground rules for what is considered

humane during wartime.

This was the first thematic report on Israel's settlements with an historical look at the government's policy since 1967, U.N. officials said.

Previous U.N. reports have taken a look at Israeli settle-

ment policy only through the lens of a specific event, such as the 2009 war in the Gaza Strip, when Israel launched an offensive in response to months of rocket fire by the ruling Hamas militant group.

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A section of the multi-vehicle accident on Interstate 75 is shown in Detroit, Thursday. Snow squalls and slippery roads led to a series of accidents that left at least three people dead and 20 injured on a mile-long stretch of southbound I-75. More than two dozen vehicles, including tractor-trailers, were involved. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two kids from Windsor killed in Detroit pileup

Interstate 75. About 30 vehicles involved, many more trapped behind the accident scene for hours

Michigan State police say two children from Ontario are among at least three people killed in collisions on a slick Detroit highway in blinding snow squalls.

Lt. Michael Shaw says the children, who were related and from Windsor, died in the almost two-kilometre-long series of crashes. An adult in a different car was also killed and at least 20 others were injured.

Shaw said visibility was extremely poor when the mass of crashes happened on Interstate 75 on the southwest side of the city. The injured, also including children, have been taken to hospitals.

SUVs with smashed front ends and cars with doors

- More crashes**
- More than 40 vehicles were involved in two other chain-reaction crashes in Michigan.
- U.S. 23 in Grand Blanc Township near Flint was closed Thursday after more than 20 vehicles crashed during a sudden snow squall.
 - In southwest Michigan, eight tractor-trailers and six cars crashed on I-94, closing the westbound lanes to traffic at Paw Paw in Van Buren County.
 - A similar pileup west of Indianapolis involving more than 40 vehicles closed Interstate 70 in both directions.

hanging open sat scattered across the debris-littered high-

way, some crunched against jackknifed tractor-trailers and tankers.

Motorists and passengers who were able to climb out of their vehicles huddled together on the side of the road, some visibly distraught, others looking dazed.

Conditions went from "clear to total whiteout in a matter of seconds," Shaw said. "All of a sudden, they couldn't see anymore."

About 30 vehicles were involved in the pileups in Detroit and scores more were trapped on the freeway behind the accident scene for hours.

The crash happened as snow and strong blustery winds reduced visibility across southeastern Michigan, said Bryan Tilley, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The crash happened near an elevated stretch of expressway where the road surface can cool quickly and make driving hazardous, Tilley said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

New York Times. Hackers target paper

Chinese hackers repeatedly penetrated The New York Times' computer systems over the past four months, stealing reporters' passwords and hunting for files on an investigation into the wealth amassed by the family of a top Chinese leader, the newspaper reported Thursday.

Security experts found that the attacks used tactics

similar to ones used in previous hacking incidents traced to China, the report said. It said the hackers routed the attacks through computers at U.S. universities, installed a strain of malware associated with Chinese hackers and initiated the attacks from Chinese university computers previously used by the Chinese military to attack U.S.

military contractors.

The attacks, which began in mid-September, coincided with a Times investigation into how the relatives and family of Premier Wen Jiabao built a fortune worth over \$2 billion U.S.

The Chinese foreign and defence ministries called the Times' allegations baseless.

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Education in remote mountain communities a priority for CAC



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Avalanche safety has come a long way since the lives of seven Calgary students were lost during an ill-fated field trip in British Columbia's backcountry 10 years ago today.

Fatality rates have stabilized in the face of increasing backcountry use, more people are getting properly trained and equipped before heading into the mountains, and public awareness is on the rise.

Those successes can be directly attributed to aggressive reform after the 2003 Connaught Creek avalanche, but the Canadian Avalanche Centre (CAC) is well aware more work could be done.

But that becomes a question of funding. And it's an unanswered question.

"It depends a lot on what people want us to do," said Karl Klassen, acting executive director of the CAC.

"If people are happy with our services the way they are, I think we're in good shape."

The CAC — which, among many other tasks, is responsible for public avalanche forecasting and sets the standards for public avalanche-training courses and equipment — has a projected budget of \$1.8 million this year.

Its federal funding enters the final year of a three-year cycle in 2014 and then it's back to the negotiating table.

Klassen doesn't think securing funding to maintain the CAC's status quo will be a problem, but some (both within the CAC and outside) are asking whether that level of service goes far enough.

"There have been a number of calls to expand services," Klassen said.

"For example, we don't do forecasts for the north Rockies. We're working on a project to see how we can go about it, but it will take more money."

Klassen sees the centre focusing on three pillars in the

Ongoing process

Parks Canada strives to stay ahead of curve

Parks Canada is always working to be at the forefront of avalanche safety.

Mountain-risk specialist Grant Statham says fine-tuning and tailoring of public alerts, bulletins and information is an ongoing process.

"I would say what you see in the public domain today — we're a year or two ahead of that," said Statham. "At least, I hope so. We're always looking at how to better communicate with people. We want them to be better educated, that's the most important thing."

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coming years: world-leading public avalanche information and bulletins, outreach and awareness programs and expanded youth education.

The third piece of that puzzle is perhaps the most critical going forward but is also underfunded.

"We'd love to expand youth education but we just don't have the resources for it," said Klassen. "There are many mountain communities, where avalanches are a fact of life, that just don't have much in the way of (avalanche) education."

He argues that children from kindergarten to Grade 8 in those communities must "be aware of the avalanche problem" and be taught skills that will serve them throughout life.

Even urban communities need greater youth education programs.

"Tons of people from Calgary go to the mountains every weekend," Klassen said. "(Education is) one of the cornerstones of what we should be doing, but unless we secure long-term additional funding we just can't do it."

It's an important decision that the CAC, and governments, will need to make over the next two years if Canada hopes to stay at the forefront of avalanche safety.



The role of instructors like Brent Hillier, pictured here at Seymour Provincial Park in B.C. on Jan. 20, is becoming crucial as the Canadian Avalanche Centre advocates for more

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The Canadian Avalanche Centre says 7,000 people took an Avalanche Skills Training course last year. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO IN VANCOUVER

Support group

Nearly 17 years ago, Beth Stewart got a phone call that no parent ever wants to get.

Her son Trevor Petersen, a legend in the world of extreme skiing, was killed at the height of his career in an avalanche in February 1996 in the mountains of Chamonix, France.

He was 34 and left behind his partner, Tanya, and his son, Kye, and daughter, Nève.

Petersen, the youngest of three, learned to love the

mountains at an early age from his brothers, Lindsay and Rick. He skied the most treacherous mountains in the world and graced the covers of many international magazines.

"I felt that my world had fallen in and I was lost after Trevor died," she says. "I missed his spirit, his love of life, of the mountains and his family."

Stewart spent two years undergoing therapy to deal with that loss and wondered

Doing what he loved best

"He once said to me, 'mom, if I should ever die doing this, know that I was exactly where I wanted to be, doing exactly what I wanted.' But we all miss him."

Beth Stewart, founder of Parents of Lost Skiers Society, remembering her son Trevor Petersen.

By the numbers

\$1.8M

The projected budget this year for the Canadian Avalanche Centre



Justin Trudeau champions backcountry safety after loss

Justin Trudeau knows too well that an avalanche doesn't pause to ask a person's last name when it barrels down a mountain.

The Liberal leadership contender lost his youngest brother, Michel, when an avalanche swept him into B.C.'s Kokanee Lake while he was backcountry skiing in 1998. He was 23.

In the wake of the tragedy, Trudeau and his family became a force in raising awareness and funds for Canada's avalanche-safety organizations.

"We said, 'Please don't send flowers, send a donation to —' and then we tried to figure out what the Canadian avalanche community was," Trudeau said in a phone interview from Prince George. "They needed support, and I got involved."

Trudeau worked with the Canadian Avalanche Association to secure stable funding from the B.C., Alberta and federal governments and to build the Canadian Avalanche Centre until he entered politics in 2006.

"For me it was an opportunity to get to know this amazing sport and to get to know this world so well that my brother loved so much. It got me closer to him and his memory," he said. "There's just an amazing group of people committed to our extraordinary wilderness and playing safe within it."

It took the Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School accident, where seven children on an outdoor-education trip died in a slide near B.C.'s Rogers Pass, he said, to change public perception toward avalanche awareness. He credits ski patrols, scientists and the backcountry community for putting Canada at the forefront of avalanche



Justin Trudeau, pictured in Fernie, B.C., on Jan. 9, 2004, and his family have taken a leadership role in avalanche awareness since his younger brother, Michel, inset, died in a B.C. avalanche accident in 1998. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE; INSET: THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

safety in the decade since.

Now, he says, it's important to turn toward structured avalanche education.

"We have a generation of people who are out there who are all about getting more extreme, getting more active, getting involved," he said, adding that better equipment has

Fundraising

"We said, 'Please don't send flowers, send a donation.'"

Justin Trudeau helped the Canadian Avalanche Association secure stable funding following the death of his brother, Michel

made the backcountry more accessible. "They need to be a little bit more aware so they

can take smart risks."

No stranger to the backcountry himself — he lived and

taught snowboarding in Whistler in 1997 — Trudeau understands the draw and the pure feeling of "earning your turns."

"It's not about preventing people from going out there; it's about giving them the tools and the knowledge to make sure they're doing it safely."

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helps parents grieve

what she could do to help others.

She got together with five other moms who had lost sons and daughters on the mountains and formed a group called Parents of Lost Skiers (POLS) in 1998.

"My intention was to carry on his method, his way and his love of others by helping them as they go on through life," Stewart says.

Since then, Stewart has gotten thousands of phone calls and emails from parents all over the world eager to ask questions on how she survived and dealt with her grief.

A couple from Texas visited Stewart more than a year ago at her home in West Vancouver. Their son died on Mount Seymour in B.C. a few years ago.

POLS' mission

Parents of Lost Skiers' mission statement:

- "To help, encourage and support parents who have lost a child to the mountains and to support the safety and the education of young people who feel the call of the mountains."

"We had lunch and talked. We parted, and the husband came running to me and told me what POLS meant to them," Stewart says. "He told me his wife two weeks ago had everything ready to commit suicide. She didn't want to

live if she couldn't be with her son."

Stewart had sent an email to the woman earlier, encouraging her to go day-by-day.

"She confessed to her husband that she's thrown all the stuff away and decided not to go through with it," she says. "She decided if one person can do it, then maybe she can do it."

Stewart says everything she does is a tribute to her son, who died doing what he loved best.

"He once said to me, 'Mom, if I should ever die doing this, know that I was exactly where I wanted to be, doing exactly what I wanted,'" she says. "But we all miss him."

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Beth Stewart, one of the founders of Parents of Lost Skiers, lost her son Trevor Petersen in an avalanche in Chamonix, France, in 1996. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO IN VANCOUVER

This Corona's not for you, Bud. Beer deal challenged by U.S. justice department

The U.S. Justice Department on Thursday filed a lawsuit to stop Anheuser-Busch InBev's proposed \$20.1 billion purchase of Mexican brewer Grupo Modelo, which would unite the ownership of popular beers like Budweiser and Corona.

The government said the deal could lead to higher beer prices in this country because it would substantially reduce competition in the U.S. beer market, particular-

ly in 26 metropolitan areas. It said the merged firm would control nearly half the beer sales in the U.S.

In response, Anheuser-Busch InBev promised a court fight to preserve its deal.

Americans spent at least \$80 billion on beer last year. ABI's Bud Light is the best-selling beer in the U.S. and Modelo's Corona Extra is the bestselling import.

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This combination of Associated Press file photos show Budweiser beer in the aisles of Elite Beverages in Indianapolis, and Constellation Brands Corona beers displayed at a liquor store in Palo Alto, Calif. The Justice Department on Thursday, filed a lawsuit to stop Anheuser-Busch InBev's proposed \$20.1 billion purchase of Mexican brewer Grupo Modelo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Snack pact

Twinkies in investors' eyes

Hostess has picked a lead bidder for its famous Twinkies. The bankrupt company said late Wednesday that it has selected a joint offer from two investment firms — C. Dean Metropoulos & Co. and Apollo Global Management LLC. Hostess says the two are teaming up on a \$410 million bid for the snack-cake business and five bakeries.

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Whale ball of wax

Beach find simply reeks of money

One very smelly sperm whale secretion may soon make one lucky British beachcomber a very happy man. Ken Wilman's dog discovered a soccer ball-sized piece of smelly rock on Morecambe beach in northern England. One Google search later and Wilman realized it was ambergris, a waxy byproduct of sperm whale digestion that can fetch large sums of money. He said he has been offered \$68,000 for the musky material. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HMV tweets its match over mass firings

Twitter outburst. Verified account commandeered during layoff by music retailer

An employee apparently fired from music retailer HMV in the U.K. let loose on the company's Twitter feed Thursday, comparing the latest round of layoffs to a mass execution.

The rogue messages — which immediately attracted media attention — started with a missive saying "we're tweeting live from HR where we're all being fired! Exciting!" "There are over 60 of us being fired at once! Mass execution, of loyal employees who love the brand," another message said.

The person's identity wasn't clear but the Twitter messages came from the company's verified account, suggesting an employee was responsible.

In a statement, Deloitte, HMV's administrator, said that there had been 190 layoffs, most of them at the company's head office.

"Although such decisions are always difficult, it is a necessary step in restructuring



HMV's official Twitter feed. The tweets were later deleted. SCREEN GRAB

Canada's HMV unaffected by British company's woes

British music and entertainment giant HMV is scrambling to stay afloat amid stiff competition from online retailers and digital downloading services.

However, HMV Canada's

113 stores are not affected because Hilco UK, a specialist in restructuring retail businesses, bought the Canadian operations for about \$3.2 million in 2011.

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the business to enhance the prospects of securing its future as a going concern," Deloitte's Nick Edwards said in a statement.

Deloitte didn't immediately return a message seeking comment about the online outbursts, although it appears

that someone eventually took control of the account. The offending Twitter messages — including one which said "what have we to lose? It's been a pleasure folks!" — were deleted about an hour after they were first sent out.

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Retail pain. Sears lays off 700 workers nationwide

Sears Canada announced Thursday it is laying off 700 workers across the country as part of a move to "right-size" the company and focus on restructuring its business.

The national retailer says 360 people are being laid off from its department stores and about 300 from its distribution centres. The remaining workers are being let go from head office and other support areas.

The job cuts will be across Canada.

The city of Belleville in eastern Ontario, where Sears has a distribution centre that deals with small-ticket catalogue and online sales, will lose 120 jobs — the largest single cut in the current round of downsizing.

A distribution centre in Regina will lose 80 jobs. There will be smaller job losses at distribution centres in the Toronto and Montreal areas, and at two centres in Calgary and Vancouver.

Sears Canada has been revamping operations to encourage more customers to return to its stores after years of declining sales, and also to prepare

Sears by the numbers

195

The company has 195 corporate stores, 269 hometown dealer stores, eight home services show rooms and more than 1,500 merchandise pick-up locations.

for the entry of numerous U.S. retailers, including discount chain Target.

Amid declining sales, Sears announced in December that it was closing four of its prime stores in three cities — Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa. The locations are being taken over by major U.S. retailer Nordstrom for its first Canadian locations.

Earlier this month, Sears Canada announced a new partnership with the Aldo Group, who will design and manufacture footwear lines for their Nevada, Attitude and Jessica brands. It also inked a deal with Buffalo International Inc., who will produce an entire line of women and men's Nevada denim-based apparel for the store. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BlackBerry loss

BB shares keep sliding after debut

Shares in BlackBerry are down again, one day after the smartphone pioneer debuted new product offerings to generally positive reviews. While the stock (TSX:RIM) was five per cent below Wednesday's closing price to \$13.16 in early-afternoon trading, it was down 12 per cent earlier in the day. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 **Game of Thrones.** When Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands announced she would abdicate her throne in favour of her son, some expected Queen Elizabeth

to do the same, but Lizzie ain't budging. Prince Charles is 64 and has been in line for the throne since he was three, the longest wait in British history. Instead, poor Charles is relegated to the mundane tasks of travelling the world, eating at ridiculously over-priced restaurants, and watching the ballet.

2 **Beam me up.** Russian astronauts aboard the International Space Station succeeded in transferring 400 megabytes of data to their ground station via laser communication channel for the first time in international practice. The breakthrough brings them one step closer to their eventual goal of downloading porn in space.

3 **... and speaking of porn.** Adult-film star Ron Jeremy was left in critical condition this week following the discovery of a heart aneurysm that required surgery. I wish him the best and a speedy recovery, but I'm guessing the situation may have been brought on by repeated shifts in the flow of blood. Just sayin'.

4 **Bowl busters.** Super Bowl Sunday is looming and there has been more talk of Beyoncé lip-syncing than football. My position on this is best illustrated in the words of Steve Martin, who co-starred with the singer in the film *The Pink Panther*, when he says, "Stop badgering her. Can't you see she's sexy!?"

5 **Why-arton?** Groundhog Day is upon us once again. Obviously there is no better scientific system of climate prognostication than for a subterranean-dwelling rodent to tell us how many weeks are left of winter, but we wacky, unconventional types like to wing it with a crazy little instrument known to our ancestors as a CALENDAR.

6 **Superstition.** This week in 1986, Diana Ross married Norwegian shipping magnate Arne Næss Jr. in Geneva. Stevie Wonder performed at the reception. The couple divorced in 2000, proving once again that Stevie's just bad luck.

7 **Sexy brekkie.** Let's face it. Canadians love cereal. And sex. Not necessarily at the same time (and probably not in that order). Well, now Peter Ehrlich, a former columnist and radio host, has burst onto the breakfast market with Sexcereal. The tasty health food is sweeping the nation with gender-specific nutrients that also promote sexual health, but beware not to mix up the bags. I missed a half day of work because I couldn't decide which shoes to wear. Watch *Dragons' Den* on Feb. 10 to find out more.

8 **Can't buy me love.** What would Valentine's Day be if you couldn't buy yourself a date? Shannon Hunter's third annual Love A Heart bachelor/bachelorette auction will once again raise money for The Heart and Stroke Foundation. The event takes place at The Hideout in Toronto on Feb. 14, but guests from all over Canada are expected. Bachelors include Toronto Raptors host Kat Stefankiewicz, CBC's George Stroumboulopoulos, and some fine-looking unknowns. Come by and shop, or just to pimp a friend.

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The rainbow connection



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Landscape photo

Waterfall makes circular rainbow

This stunning image shows an almost full-circle rainbow at Victoria Falls. The amazing picture was taken by amateur photographer Nicole Cambré on the Zambian side of this impressive natural spectacle.

Cambré, a 42-year-old lawyer from Brussels, captured the shot from Livingstone Island, which is on the edge of the falls.

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Photographer's viewpoint

"Capturing the rainbow over the falls was more challenging than I thought, especially with the spray. On Livingstone Island on top of the falls I finally managed to capture this full rainbow."

Nicole Cambré,
amateur photographer

Full-circle phenomenon

The lower the sun, the higher the bow

It's very rare to see a full-circle rainbow as the bottom is usually blocked by one's horizon.

The sun's height determines how much of an arc you see; the lower the sun, the higher the top of the rainbow. Some rainbows continue even below the horizon. Mountain climbers see more of a full-circle, while pilots have reported seeing genuine full-circle rainbows. METRO

Rainbow by moonlight

Don't need sun to make a rainbow

Victoria Falls is also famous for its "moonbows," or lunar rainbows.

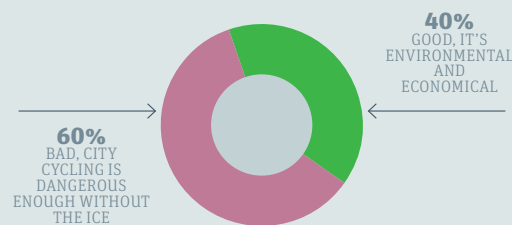
Moonlight shines on the water, and while it is hard for the human eye to detect it, the bow's colours will appear in long-exposure photographs.

The moonbows are rare because a number of conditions are required: the moon must be less than 42 degrees high in a very dark sky. METRO



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A pair of glasses marks the entrance to the cornfield in Clear Lake, Iowa, where Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper died in a plane crash on Feb. 3, 1959. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



The day the music died

Feb. 3, 1959. The Reel Guys remember Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper with movie picks that pay tribute to their legacies

Richard: Mark, Buddy Holly was arguably the biggest star of the three musicians, so it's no surprise that he pops up in the most movies. Gary Busey is the most famous of the Holly impersonators, having been nominated for an Oscar for *The Buddy Holly Story*, but others have also donned the black rims to good effect. An unknown actor named Guy Kent raved on in a surreal retelling of Buddy's life called *The Day the Music Died*. Less successful was Frankie Muniz who should have been (Peggy) sued for his performance in *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story*.

Mark: Buddy Holly was surely the genius of the three. And I

think *The Buddy Holly Story* did him justice. It was Gary Busey's last significant lead, and I think it's ironic that the madman actor played one of the few levelheaded stars of rock 'n' roll. *La Bamba* is a step down in rock biopics. Valens only had a nine-month career, and you can feel the story padding in the film. But worst of all was the sentimental ending with his brother blubbering on about the loss. Again, it was Lou Diamond Phillips' last significant lead before he became the straight-to-video champ.

RC: He may not be the biggest box office draw, but anyone who watched *Celebrity Cook Off* knows he's a helluva chef. I regard his homemade Wild Turkey Bourbon Barbecue Sauce as highly as his work in *Young Guns* or *Stand and Deliver*. But back to the movies. I liked *La Bamba* more than you, even though Phillips was way too old to play the 18-year-old singer. Most of it is Hollywood hokum, but the

music by Los Lobos is good! Maybe you'd enjoy *Lives and Deaths of the Poets* more. It's a collection of short skits about famous writers and musicians, including Valens.

MB: You'll notice no one is rushing to make *The Big Bopper* biopic. But here's a guy who would have been a footnote in rock history except that he got on that ill-fated plane, forever linking him in our minds with the great Buddy Holly. Bad life choice for the Bopper, but ultimately a good career move.

RC: I think his life would make a good movie. He was a colourful character — a singer, a flamboyant DJ who wrote some big hits for other people. If they can make a film about payola king Alan Freed they could certainly find enough material for a *Big Bopper* biopic.

MB: I suspect the Freed movie, *American Hot Wax*, was as much about the art-

Synopsis

For music fans of a certain age, Feb. 3 is a day to observe a moment of silence. Known as the day the music died, it's the day, in 1959, when a small plane crashed outside Clear Lake, Iowa, killing rock 'n' rollers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and JP "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

Fair's fair

"If they can make a film about payola king Alan Freed they could certainly find enough material for a *Big Bopper* biopic."

Richard Crouse

ists that revolved around him as Freed himself. Not a half-bad movie either.

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Romantic Comedy



Warm Bodies

Director. Jonathan Levine

Stars. Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer

Warm Bodies doesn't stink nearly as much as I imagine its leading character would. A rom-com set in an apocalyptic near-future ruled by rambling rotten corpses, the film focuses on a love-lorn zombie crushing on a gorgeous living girl. Basically a spin on Romeo and Juliet (if Romeo were dead, that is), the comedy has youthful quirk and charm, but its modesty will likely aggravate purists looking for cinematic zombie gore.

STEVE GOW

Documentary



Stories We Tell

Director. Sarah Polley

Stars. Sarah Polley, Michael Polley

Truth may be stranger than fiction but in *Stories We Tell*, Sarah Polley proves it to be particularly compelling as well. A four-year, semi-secret project, the actress-turned-Oscar-nominated filmmaker explores her ebullient late-mother's possible infidelity and her own biological probability through family interviews and a fascinating blend of real and recreated footage. Not only is it stirring drama but the film is such an engrossing dissection of truth and memory, it'll leave you curious about your own family's stories.

STEVE GOW

Comedy



Stand Up Guys

Director. Fisher Stevens

Stars. Al Pacino, Alan Arkin, Christopher Walken

This story of three old hoodlums on one last adventure is slightly less than the sum of its parts. Combined, the leads — Al Pacino, Alan Arkin and Christopher Walken — bring with them more than a century of screen work, and it shows. It's too bad, then, that the material contains Viagra jokes that would seem more appropriate in a *Grumpy Old Men* movie. That and the long shadow of Tarantino that blankets almost every scene leaves the film feeling less than original despite the engaging performances.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama/Sci-Fi



Holy Motors

Director. Leos Carax

Stars. Denis Lavant, Edith Scob, Eva Mendes

As a professional chameleon tooling around Paris in a white stretch limousine, Denis Lavant gives the performance of the year — or actually, 11 of them. Lavant's shape-shifting brilliance (he's an old lady, a monster, a hit man and a motion-capture-suit-clad-martial-artist) makes him a walking analog special effect, and he holds this wild, unruly, impressively ambitious movie together.

A must-see.
ADAM NAYMAN

Zombies vs. vampires

"I understand parallels have been drawn because there's a mystical element to the relationships in both of these films. I think tonally it's very different — *Warm Bodies* to *Twilight*. There's a lot of comedy, we don't take ourselves too seriously. But having said that, we of course embrace comparisons in a sense because *Twilight* is a hugely successful franchise and if we can find half the audience that *Twilight* has I think we'd be very happy."

Teresa Palmer, during a recent interview in Toronto, when asked if people would compare *Warm Bodies* to *Twilight*.
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Argo goes from long shot to Oscar favourite

Movies. *Argo* to compete with two other pieces from American history: *Lincoln* and *Zero Dark Thirty*

Some years, Academy Awards voters just want to feel right about themselves, their industry, their country. And maybe honour one of their own who hasn't always shared in the love of his peers.

That could explain why Ben Affleck's *Argo* has gone from best-picture long shot to Oscar favourite over such competitors as Steven Spielberg's stately but talky Civil War portrait *Lincoln* or Kathryn Bigelow's brilliant yet contentious CIA thriller *Zero Dark Thirty*.

Argo is a feel-good thrill ride that's patriotic enough to warrant a good "USA! USA!" chant as the credits roll. It's all about how Hollywood helped save some lives. And a best-picture win could be viewed as righting a wrong after Affleck inexplicably missed out on a best-director nomination.

"There's a surge to embrace Ben Affleck in the aftermath of his Oscar snub. It seems like such an outrage that his film is benefiting from it as a result,"

said Tom O'Neil, who runs the awards website GoldDerby.com. "It really is a pro-*Argo* movement more than it is a kind of shrug off of *Lincoln* or a disparagement of *Zero Dark Thirty*. Hollywood is rallying around one of their wounded own."

Argo is one of three true-life best-picture nominees steeped in different eras of U.S. history. Spielberg's *Lincoln*, which leads the Oscars with 12 nominations and looked like the front-runner until *Argo* began winning top honours at other awards shows, is a towering study of Abraham Lincoln as he manoeuvres to end the war and pass the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. *Argo* tells of a little-known victory amid an otherwise enervating chapter in American foreign affairs during the Iran hostage crisis. Bigelow's *Zero Dark Thirty* is a sombre story of this last dark decade as the CIA builds leads that result in the Navy SEALs raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

In their way, all three are stories of American triumph, but told with wildly divergent tones. *Lincoln* is a saga of hope amid national tragedy, meticulously researched but a little emotionally remote because of its attention to Washington deal-making, 1860s-style. *Zero*



Ben Affleck accepts an award at the 19th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles on Jan. 27.
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Dark Thirty is a bleak tale of uncertain patriotism, also meticulously researched but at times more than a little emotionally repugnant because of the questionable means it depicts in a righteous cause. *Argo* is the one that turns triumph into an end-zone dance. Affleck has taken knocks in the past over his acting, but in only his third film as director, he shows complete mastery of populist movie-making. He gives viewers great drama, great laughs, agonizing tension and an exultant finale, all while playing loose with the facts in a way audiences can forgive in the name of a terrific piece of entertainment.

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Jason Bateman is getting used to playing the straight-man role in comedy projects. HANDOUT

Jason Bateman puts on a familiar Identity

Interview. Arrested Development star talks about the move to Netflix and his new comedy project Identity Thief

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Being the straight man in a comedy can be a thankless job, but Jason Bateman has no problem with that. His latest, Identity Thief, finds him taking on Melissa McCarthy's titular con woman. Plus, this spring he gets to reprise his best-loved straight man role, as put-upon Michael Bluth in Arrested Development, when the cult hit returns with new episodes on Netflix. Still, if you've got a more outlandish comedy role in mind, he's willing to listen.

Do you find it at all insulting to be asked how hard it is to keep a straight face opposite someone like Melissa McCarthy?

No, actually, I've never taken it that way. That's tough to do, and I fail miserably at it repeatedly, especially with Melissa. You've just got to have the camera on her alone so that when I start laughing you don't see my shoulders bouncing up and down in the foreground.

You've made quite a career of playing the straight man, but have you been looking for parts beyond that type?

Yeah, I mean I would enjoy doing that. Send them. I'll read them and do them. But I

Belly laughs

"Craig wrote a script that didn't need any ad-libbing whatsoever to make it funny, and so we didn't do a lot of that."

Jason Bateman
Talking about his time on Identity Thief.

get most of my opportunities doing what people have seen me do before, and I don't think that's too dissimilar from most actors. You kind of get offered what people expect to see you in. So it's up to me to start to steer the ship in another direction if I want some changes. And I do, every once in a while. That was one of the things that really attracted me to a film I did with Ryan Reynolds called the Change-Up. It didn't really work at the box office or critically, but we had a really good time doing it.

Was it Melissa or writer Craig Mazin who kept adding in jokes about you having mangled junk in Identity Thief?

Well, Craig's pretty filthy. Craig wrote a script that didn't need any ad-libbing whatsoever to make it funny, and so we didn't do a lot of that. We would every once in a while make stuff up to crack each other up and make the crew laugh, but this isn't one of those movies where it's, 'Boy, thank God those actors improvised because otherwise it wouldn't be funny.' Craig Mazin did a really, really

good job.

So he's the one obsessed with you having messed-up junk?

He loves my junk. Or he loves my messed-up junk. He wants bad things to happen to it because I won't give it to him.

True or false: You are the only Bluth family member to appear in each of the new episodes of Arrested Development.

I believe that is true. I haven't seen them, he's still editing them, but that was the goal when Mitch (Hurwitz) and I talked about these episodes early on. There was a question as to whether the finances or the scheduling would allow for all of us to be in every episode, and I said, 'Whatever it takes schedule-wise or finance-wise, I'm your guy.' So we worked it out and we just made sure that I was done with all of my duties before I had to go off and do something else.

Any word on returning guest stars?

I think Mitch has already said that a few people are coming back. I think he's mentioned Carl Weathers and Henry Winkler and ... who else did he mention? James Lipton and Andy Richter. There's many more. And then his ideas for the movie are just insane. So hopefully Act II and Act III will happen, which is the movie. I can't wait to see what he does with all this footage. We still have a little bit of additional stuff to do. I work one more day on it in a week or two.

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Justin Timberlake is due to give his first major musical performance in years. Stevie Wonder is performing for the masses at an outdoor concert. Cee Lo Green is reuniting with his old hip-hop clique, Goodie Mob, and Rascal Flatts is teaming up with Journey for a concert. Those represent only a fraction of the all-star events to celebrate the Super Bowl.

"The Super Bowl has become such a big event in itself. So many people come from everywhere, looking to not only be a part of the Super Bowl but also the festivities leading up to the game," said Cee Lo, who is performing at ESPN's Next event. "There's



Justin Timberlake returns to the stage at the Super Bowl for the first time in years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

so much to do, from parties, concerts and events."

Indeed, until the Baltimore Ravens and the San Francisco 49ers meet at the Superdome

on Sunday, much of the emphasis in the days leading up to the event has very little to do with the game.

Lil Wayne is throwing

a major bash in his hometown, Jay-Z is holding court at another event the evening before his wife, Beyoncé, performs at halftime, and Jamie

Foxx is due to give a private concert — and that's just the lineup for Saturday.

Director Michael Bay is holding court at a private

Exclusive event

Perhaps the most hotly anticipated event features Timberlake.

- **Invite.** He will perform during DIRECTV Super Saturday Night, an invitation-only concert

estate for a celebrity dinner for charity. Santigold, Solange and producer/DJ Diplo will perform at Audi's two parties during the weekend, and both Playboy and Maxim are planning blowout parties with their trademark models.

"I've never seen anything like this," said Gary Solomon Jr., co-founder of Solomon Group, the local company hired to help set up the stages and lighting for the outdoor concerts and broadcasting areas in the French Quarter and near the Superdome.

"When you look at the master calendar of all the events, it's pretty daunting," he said.

"This Super Bowl is, like, having 30 events in the same weekend."

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Homicidal mallards and those singing falsetto



SOUND CHECK
Alan Cross
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Two of these tracks are from the where-have-you-been pile. Think way, way back. The other track, well, it involves a duck. A music video with a killer duck. It's odd and it's awesome. Yep!



One Way Trigger/The Strokes

This isn't the first single from the forthcoming fifth album from the Strokes, but if you've ever wanted Julian Casablancas to sing in a falsetto, this is for you.

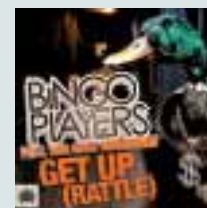


No Freedom/Dido

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Get Up (Rattle)/Bingo Players feat. Far East Movement:

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Quartet (PG) Fri 3:55-7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:55-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:10-9:40
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Movie 43 (18A) Fri 7-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:15-3:30-7-9:15 Mon-Thu 7-9:15
Parental Guidance (G) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40
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2001: A Space Odyssey - Digital Film Festival (STC) Fri 6:15 Mon 1
An American Werewolf in London (STC) Fri 11:59 Sun 2:15 Wed 4:50
Battle Royale (STC) Mon 7 Tue 12
Casino (STC) Tue 9:55 Thu 4
A Clockwork Orange (STC) Fri 9:10 Mon 4
Cockneys vs Zombies (18A) Sat 11:59 Sun 9:50
Django Unchained (18A) Fri 3:05-6:40-10:20 Sat 11:35-3:05-6:40-10:20 Sun 11:55-3:20-6:45-10:20 Mon 1:15-4:55-8:30 Tue-Wed 1:25-5-8:30 Thu 3:05-6:40-10:20
The Fifth Element (STC) Sat 11:40 Sun 7:15 Wed 12
Gangster Squad (18A) Fri 2:40-5:20-8:10-10:55 Sat 11:55-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:55 Sun 11:55-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 Mon 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25 Tue 11:55-2:40-5:20-8:10-10:45 Wed 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:05 Thu 2:10-4:55-7:40-10:25
GoodFellas (STC) Tue 7:05 Thu 1
Gremlins (PG) Sun 12 Tue 4:50 Wed 2:35
Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters — An IMAX 3D Experience (18A) Fri 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:45 Sat 11:05-1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:45 Sun 1:20-3:40-6-8:15-10:30 Mon 1:05-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:30 Tue 1:20-3:40-6-8:20-10:45 Wed 1:05-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:30 Thu 12:50-3:05-5:20-7:40
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The secret behind Nirvana's Nevermind

Movie. Dave Grohl's movie, *Sound City*, takes a particular interest in the studio where the grunge band found their break

Rock musician Dave Grohl set out to make a recording studio the subject of his first-ever film. He was intrigued not only by the studio but by a specific piece of recording equipment — a 1970s era sound board — that captured every note of music made there.

Geek city, right? It sounds like an idea any sane moviegoer would run from.

Instead, *Sound City* offers a colourful piece of music history, a candid examination of changes wrought by technology and a defiant statement about not surrendering the human element in creativity. Grohl's rookie film, which made it to the Sundance movie festival, is being released theatrically Friday and is accompanied by an album featuring artists he interviewed.

"It honestly was more like a keg party with a camera than making a Hollywood film," he said.

Grohl knew nothing about the *Sound City* studio in Van Nuys, Calif., when he and fellow Nirvana members Kurt Cobain and Krist Novoselic booked a session to make *Nevermind* in 1991.

Their California record company wanted Nirvana nearby to keep an eye on them and time at *Sound City* was cheap.

It was in a nondescript neighbourhood and looked like a dump, with tired shag carpeting. Then Nirvana noticed all the gold records on the wall from artists who had recorded there: Fleetwood Mac, Tom Petty, Van Halen, REO Speedwagon, Guns 'n Roses, Neil Young, Cheap Trick, Slayer, Rick Springfield and more.

After plugging in their instruments and running through In Bloom, Grohl and his mates discovered why. The sound, to their ears, was amazing. Nirvana had never been captured with such clarity and power before.

"You might have never heard of Nirvana if we had re-

corded in Hollywood with a fancy producer who made us sound like Def Leppard," he said. "The fact that that (sound) board made us sound like us is what people appreciated. To be reunited with it, honestly, it was like meeting your real parents for the first time."

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Dave Grohl
On the making of *Sound City*

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Dave Grohl's *Sound City* takes a colourful look at a piece of music history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The end

We'll finally know how he met your mother

CBS says the big reveal is coming for *How I Met Your Mother*.

The network said Wednesday the sitcom will air its ninth and final season next fall.

And CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler promised that TV's "most mysterious mother" will be unveiled as the show wraps up.

That would be the mystery woman with whom Ted, played by Josh Radnor,



The cast of *How I Met Your Mother*, which includes Neil Patrick Harris and Cobie Smulders, will say goodbye after the show's ninth season. HANDOUT

ultimately has a family. The sitcom's cast also

includes Neil Patrick Harris, Cobie Smulders, Jason Segel

and Alyson Hannigan. 20th Century Fox Tele-

vision says all the actors will return for the 2013-14

season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Big break leads producer to fun.

Music. Jeff Bhasker is nominated for four Grammy Awards for fun.'s sophomore release, *Some Nights*

When music producer Jeff Bhasker — the mastermind behind fun.'s breakthrough — had thoughts of becoming a musician, the high school student in the jazz band figured he would play keyboard for a talented singer looking to carve a space in the musical universe.

"In the jazz world you become a side man, say with like Miles Davis. You become Miles Davis' keyboard player and then you learn from Miles, and then you have your own group," he explained.

The eager musician was hoping to have a breakthrough like Herbie Hancock did with Davis. And Bhasker did — but with Kanye West.

The Berklee College of Music graduate began playing piano for the multi-

platinum rapper in 2008. And then he became West's musical director. And then the two went into the recording studio.

"I learned so much from being around that moment and grabbing on to the rocket. It happened really fast," said Bhasker, who produced several tracks on West's albums, 808's & Heartbreak and My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy.

And in between those West records, Bhasker's name — and drum-filled sound — popped up on credible liner notes: He produced for Alicia Keys. And Jay-Z. And Beyoncé. And Bruno Mars.

And now the producer is really having fun — thanks to the band, fun.

Crafting anthemic jams like *We Are Young* and *Some Nights* for the New York-based trio — who released their underwhelming debut in 2009 — not only made fun. a household name, it made Bhasker even bigger.

Now the hitmaker is nominated for Grammy Awards, including non-classical producer of the

year and album of the year for helping all 11 tracks on fun.'s sophomore release, *Some Nights*.

"First and foremost, it's about hearing for him. He's not out to make a quick buck," said Nate Ruess, the lead singer of fun. "You meet a lot of producers, especially in the pop world, where they don't have any emotional attachment to the music. I've even sat in, like, writing sessions with people where it's just lifeless, and Jeff is the exact opposite. He brings emotion. He only wants to do things that move him."

The Grammys stage isn't unfamiliar to Bhasker — he's already won two trophies for best rap song in 2009 and 2011 for co-writing Jay-Z's *Run This Town* and West's *All of the Lights*. This year, he's also nominated for record and song of the year for his work on fun.'s No. 1 hit *We Are Young*. The band earned six nominations — including best new artist — and are tied for most nominations at the Feb. 10 awards show.

"The whole time we were making the album I

really, every day I was saying, 'We're making album of the year,'" Bhasker said of producing *Some Nights*.

Ruess said he recruited Bhasker to executive produce his band's entire album because of the producer's impressive résumé and style.

Bhasker helped usher in West's Auto-Tune-flavoured, melodic and synth-pop sound in 2008, co-producing songs like *Love Lockdown* and *Paranoid*.

Months after fun. released its album, Taylor Swift worked with Bhasker on two songs for her best-selling *Red* album, which takes the singer even further from her country roots to pop domination.

Oh, and the Rolling Stones called Bhasker, too.

"It's so tricky because you don't want to mess with the Rolling Stones and the essence of what they do," said Bhasker, who produced "radio mixes" of the band's new jams, *Doom and Gloom* and *One More Shot*. "But I tried to bring a little bit of a contemporary twist to it."

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Jeff Bhasker started off as Kanye West's musical director. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lo and behold, Lindsay makes it to court

Lindsay Lohan wasn't too sick to fly after all. Despite reportedly being too under the weather to make it from New York back to L.A. this week for a Wednesday court date, the troubled actress showed up after all, wearing a little black dress and Louboutin heels, according to the Associated Press. "I'm glad to see you're feeling

better," Judge Stephanie Sautner told Lohan at the hearing. Lohan pleaded not guilty to three misdemeanor counts stemming from a car crash last summer. If found guilty, she could face 245 days in jail because of probation violations. "She's on probation," Sautner said at the hearing. "The condition is that she obey all laws."



Charlie Sheen

Sheen still on starlet's side

At least Charlie Sheen isn't worried about Lindsay Lohan's legal troubles.

"She's terrific," he tells Jay Leno in an interview. "I mean she's going through a lot of stuff, but she's smart and super-talented and will come out on top eventually,

you know."

As for the \$100,000 Sheen loaned the troubled actress — money she reportedly put toward her massive tax bill — Sheen says, "I didn't know it was for taxes. If I had known that, I'd have given her half, you know."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Mayer more comfortable in front of the cameras

John Mayer is definitely mellowing when it comes to dealing with paparazzi.

"The way that the media plays a part in everyone's life has changed over the last several years," he tells

RollingStone.com. "I mean, I used to be incredibly put off by somebody taking a picture, thinking as if in some way it was invading my brain. But all it is, is you can see where I was last weekend. That's all. And I think time has shown that nothing will be stolen from you. It's just a photograph of you and your dumb scarf that you put on because it wouldn't fit in your suitcase. Cool."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Jennifer Lawrence

Tip for Jennifer Lawrence: no more shopping trips now that you're famous

Oscar-nominee Jennifer Lawrence recently told Metro that her Silver Linings Playbook co-star Bradley Cooper had taught her that she can't go to the grocery store anymore now that she's famous.

"It's fine, I can get friends to get my groceries," she said last month.

But apparently Lawrence thought the height of awards season was a good time to try again, as she was spotted this week at a Los Angeles supermarket, buying groceries incognito under a large purple hat and a massive scarf, according to photo agency X-17.

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Wash down game snacks



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When it comes to pairing liquids with solids, wine has the edge over its boozy competition. After all, you're not going to wash down haute cuisine with a brewski. Right?

It really depends on where you are.

In wine-engaged cultures (like France and Italy), culinary artists evolved their industry in parallel with their compatriots in nearby vineyards. So, it makes sense that locals reach for vino when they put on the feed bag.

Countries like the United Kingdom and Belgium — where wine production is nearly non-existent — have a closer affinity to beer, which makes a good brew their primary dinner table mate.

Since the Super Bowl is this Sunday, I'm betting most of you will be serving pub-inspired fare and drinking like the Brits as you watch the game.

Not that you can't serve wine (think something white and off dry). It's just that aggressively flavoured finger food, the likes of Buffalo Chicken Tenders and Short Ribs, calls for something cool and thirst-quenching. While a crisp Euro or Canadian lager fits the bill, I prefer medium-bodied, lightly malted ales like Newcastle Brown Ale (500 ml, \$2.90 to \$3.49) from England's north east.

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Bite into lighter side of Super Bowl staple

Buffalo Chicken Tenders. Put aside the deep fryer and pop these crunchy snacks into the oven

The key food groups of Super Bowl are meat and melted cheese, preferably deep-fried. Buffalo-style chicken wings and chicken nuggets are just the sort of deep-fried deliciousness we're talking about. And this recipe marries the two, incredibly, in a way that satisfies the soul and keeps blood whistling through the old arteries.

The chicken is luxuriated in a buttermilk bath for several hours, after which it is coated with a mixture of breadcrumbs and panko (for extra crunch), and baked in the oven.

It's not quite as crispy as a deep-fried version, but it is nonetheless ridiculously flavourful. This effect is achieved by adding a blue cheese dipping sauce, which borrows one of the trademark ingredients of Buffalo chicken wings. Traditionally, wings are tossed in a mix of hot sauce and butter after they come out of hot oil. But you don't want to

Ingredients

- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp hot sauce, divided
- 2 cups plus 6 tbsp buttermilk, divided
- 1 lb chicken tenders (or chicken breasts cut into 3-by-1-inch strips, 1/2-inch thick)
- 3/4 cup whole-wheat Italian seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/2 tsp lemon juice



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sog up your finished product, so dip the finished baked tenders, first in the hot sauce then in the blue cheese. This combo is a touchdown.

1. In bowl, combine garlic, salt, 2 tablespoons of hot sauce and 2 cups of the buttermilk. Whisk until salt dissolves. Add chicken tenders and stir to coat well with the marinade. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 10 hours.

2. When ready to cook, heat oven to 425 F. Line baking

sheet with parchment paper and spray it with olive oil cooking spray.

3. In shallow bowl combine whole-wheat and panko breadcrumbs. In another small bowl, whisk remaining 6 tablespoons of buttermilk, the mayonnaise, blue cheese and lemon juice. Transfer to ramekin for dipping. Pour remaining 1/4 cup of hot sauce into a second ramekin for dipping.

4. Use colander to drain chicken, but do not pat it dry.

Dip each chicken piece in the breadcrumb mixture, making sure it is coated well on both sides. Arrange chicken in single layer on prepared baking sheet, then spritz tops with olive oil cooking spray.

5. Bake on oven's middle shelf for 10 minutes. Turn chicken pieces over and bake an additional 5 minutes, or until just cooked through. Let cool few minutes, then transfer to a platter. Serve with both dipping sauces.

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Stick-to-your-ribs grub

1. In a medium bowl, whisk together the hoisin, rice vinegar, soy sauce, brown sugar, red pepper flakes, five-spice powder, sesame oil and garlic. Reserve 1/2 cup of the mixture in a small bowl. Add the short ribs to the original mixture and toss to thoroughly coat. Cover the bowl and refrigerate at least 8 hours, or overnight.

2. When ready to cook, heat the oven to 275 F. Line 2 rimmed baking

sheets with foil and place a rack over each pan. Arrange the short ribs on the rack and bake for 45 to 60 minutes, or until tender. Brush the ribs with the reserved 1/2 cup of marinade and increase the oven temperature to 450 F. Return to the oven and cook for another 10 minutes, or until browned and caramelized.

3. Thread a skewer through each piece of meat to serve.

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Ingredients

- 1/2 cup each hoisin sauce, rice vinegar, low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp each red pepper flakes, five-spice powder
- 2 tbsp toasted sesame oil
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- 3 lbs boneless beef short ribs, cut into long, thin strips (1/4 inch thick by 1 inch wide)



This recipe serves 12. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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LIFE

Have a few gaps in your schedule you're looking to fill?
Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



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Help urban wishes come true

The first ever Urban Rhapsody Charity Concert takes place at the West End Cultural Centre on Sunday. This venue boasts some of Manitoba's best local hip-hop and urban artists, including Flo, Charlie Fattah & Jon-C, The Happy Unfortunate, Tiffany Ponce, Brock Isfeld, Paranormal Pandas and DJ Zuki. Ace Burpee will emcee this show and proceeds will go to the Children's Wish Foundation. Urban Rhapsody kicks off at 7 p.m. Email jackie@tohclothing.com.



Eye liner at the ready, Marilyn Manson is back

Marilyn Mason is coming back to the city on Monday and he's bringing L.A. metal/hardcore band the Butcher Babies with him. During Manson's last stop-over in Winnipeg in 2009, the Antichrist Superstar performed for an audience of about 4,000 at the MTS Centre. Super-fans of the shock rocker had nothing but rave reviews for that show. This concert is in support of Manson's eighth album, Born Villain, released in 2012. The show starts at 8 p.m. at the MTS Centre. Tickets will run you \$25 to \$55, plus taxes and agency fees.



Arctic Glacier Winter Park

If you're looking for something fun to do — by yourself or with the whole family — check out the Arctic Glacier Winter Park at the Forks this weekend. Bundle up and set out for a fun-filled day of ice skating, tobogganing and snowboarding. If you don't own a pair of ice skates, you can rent them for around \$5 inside the market area. Once you've laced up, be sure to check out the 1.2 km river trail, which is lined with warming huts and benches. For more details, or to check for updates visit theforks.com.



Stairway to Led Zeppelin heaven

Jason Bonham's Led Zepplin Experience is going to rock the MTS Centre on Wednesday. This concert is a tribute to Bonham's late father John, and his iconic band, Led Zeppelin. The show has received great reviews, and Bonham has been praised for resurrecting the music his father was legendary for. If you're a fan of Led Zepplin this is probably the closest you will ever get to seeing the original band live. Take it in and enjoy it. Tickets are \$35.50 to \$49.50, plus applicable fees. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.



Get gritty with Sarah Cripps live

Sarah Cripps is Live @ The Folk Exchange on Thursday. The Toronto Independent Music Award winner is taking her Ghosts of Men Tour across Western Canada to promote her new album Change. If you're not familiar with Cripps, her sound is a gritty mix of alt-country, rock and roots that will make your soul feel poetic. The venue's at 211 Banatyne Ave. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The doors open at 7:15 p.m. Visit: winnipegfolkfestival.ca.



Dream beautifully at Fleet Galleries

Local artist Kris Poitras is holding his Dreaming in Colour art exhibit at the Fleet Galleries, 65 Albert St., on Thursday Feb. 7. Poitras is fairly new to the art scene, picking up the brush for the first time in 2009, but being new doesn't mean he's not insanely talented. The Winnipegger has sold pieces and impressed collectors in other provinces with his tranquil style, largely inspired by the breathtaking B.C. mountains. The show's opening runs from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and is free.

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DON PEDRO'S CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS

YOU CAN WIN A TRIP TO MEXICO



Don Pedro's Authentic Mexican Grill is celebrating its fifth anniversary this year. Located minutes from downtown in

the heart of the Theatre-Exchange District, Don Pedro's has a new lunch and dinner menu. This locally owned Mexican restaurant keeps raising the bar on Mexican favourites, such as tacos, burritos and fajitas. The new menu features homemade empanadas, Mexican chorizo tacos, baby back ribs (Mexican style), and much more.

The restaurant's atmosphere is the perfect place to keep your Mexican vacation alive all winter long. Don Pedro's margaritas are considered by some as the best in Canada. The Mexican flan, deep-fried ice cream and Mexican choco chimis

are some of the best. As part of its fifth-year fiesta, Don Pedro's is giving away a trip for two to Mexico. You can enter in person at the restaurant, which is located at 114 Market Ave.

ABOUT DON PEDRO'S

Don Pedro's is the perfect place for your next stagette, office party, birthday bash, or event of any type, and it accommodate parties from six to more than 100.

Open Tuesday to Friday for both lunch and dinner, and Saturday for dinner and late-night snacks.

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X Games

Moore succumbs to injuries after snowmobile crash

Caleb Moore, an innovative freestyle snowmobile rider who was hurt in a crash at the Winter X Games in Colorado, died Thursday morning. He was 25.

Moore was being treated at a hospital in Grand Junction since the Jan. 24 crash. Family spokeswoman Chelsea Lawson confirmed his death, the first in the 18-year history of the X Games.

"He lived his life to the fullest. He was an inspiration," Lawson said.

Moore was attempting a backflip when his snowmobile caught the lip of the landing area, sending him over the handlebars. He landed face first in the snow with his snowmobile rolling over him.

Moore eventually walked off with help and went to hospital with a concussion. He developed bleeding around his heart and was flown to Grand Junction for surgery. The family later said that Moore also had a complication involving his brain.

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NHL

Sens lose Spezza to back surgery

The Ottawa Senators will have to try and build on their impressive start without one of their star forwards.

Jason Spezza will undergo surgery Friday in Toronto for a herniated disc and will be out for the foreseeable future. Sens GM Bryan Murray told reporters Thursday that it's too early to provide a timeline for Spezza's return, but the team is hopeful that he'll be able to play again this season. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Winnipeg Jets' Evander Kane passes past Florida Panthers winger Tomas Kopecky during the first period, Thursday. The Panthers scored five goals in the third period to top the Jets 6-3. WILFREDO LEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Panthers put on a clinic in 3rd vs. Jets

Starting from behind. Jets allow opponent to strike first in fifth consecutive game

Alex Kovalev scored the go-ahead goal during Florida's five-goal outburst in the third period, helping the Panthers rally for a 6-3 victory over the Winnipeg Jets on Thursday night.

Kris Versteeg, Peter Mueller, Jonathan Huberdeau and Tomas Kopecky also scored in the third frame for the Panthers, who scored four unanswered goals in the final 8:40 after falling behind 3-2. Brian Campbell also scored and Jose Theodore stopped 21 shots to

help Florida snap a five-game losing streak with its first win since the season opener on Jan. 19.

Tobias Enstrom, Olli Jokinen and Grant Clitsome scored as the Jets dropped their second in a row following a three-game win streak. Ondrej Pavelev had 28 saves for Winnipeg.

Trailing 3-2, Florida tied it at 3 on a goal by Mueller. Pavelev made a glove save on a shot by Filip Kuba but the puck bounced out and Mueller grabbed it and poked it in at 11:20.

The Panthers went ahead 4-3 on the power play just over a minute later when Kovalev's shot from the slot beat Pavelev. Florida then stretched its lead to 5-3 at

On Thursday

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15:29 when Huberdeau's weak shot bounced off a defenceman and into the net. Kopecky added a power play goal late in the third for the final margin.

The Jets took a 3-2 lead at 7:38 of the third when Enstrom shot from just inside the left circle, beating Theodore on the glove side.

Jokinen gave the Jets a 2-1 lead at 1:23 of the third with

a wrist from the right side of the crease that got past Theodore.

The Panthers tied it at 2 a few minutes later on Versteeg's goal. Tomas Fleischmann passed from behind the goal line out to Versteeg in front and his wrist beat Pavelev at 3:35. Versteeg made his first start of the season after missing the first five games because of injury.

The Panthers got on the board first on Campbell's goal at 5:14 of the second period during a 5-on-3 power play. Campbell took a shot from the top of the right circle that bounced past Pavelev and into the net. It was the fifth consecutive game that the Jets have allowed the first goal. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Coyotes' future thrust back into darkness



Coyotes goalie Mike Smith takes to the ice for a game against the Columbus Blue Jackets Jan. 23 in Glendale, Ariz. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Just when it seemed like the Phoenix Coyotes would get an owner after more than three years of waiting, the ongoing saga took another turn.

For players, coaches and fans who have seen this roller-coaster go up and down too many times to count, it seems almost fitting.

"I don't think this is a surprise to anybody who's been around here," Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said.

The latest round in this ownership drama came just before it was supposed to finally end.

Former San Jose Sharks CEO Greg Jamison reached a

preliminary deal to buy the franchise from the NHL last year and worked out a 20-year lease agreement with the city of Glendale worth more than \$300 million. The deal was reworked in November and all Jamison had to do was complete his purchase of the team by 11:59 p.m. Thursday.

He may not be able to do it. A league official told The Associated Press on Wednesday night that, barring a last-minute change, it was unlikely Jamison would have the money and investors in place to buy the team before the deadline with the city expires.

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Lost opportunity?

As of Thursday afternoon, Jamison still hadn't completed the deal to buy the team, putting his agreement with Glendale in jeopardy.

- New Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers has said he will not extend the lease deal, opening up the possibility of other potential bidders to compete with Jamison to buy the team.

Only 1 team's road ends in victory

Super Bowl preview.

Both Ravens and 49ers, led by sibling head coaches, ready to battle in New Orleans

The San Francisco 49ers never have tasted defeat in a Super Bowl, going 5-0. It's the most impressive mark for any franchise in the big game.

Baltimore also is undefeated, with the Ravens winning their only appearance, in 2001.

Someone will have the Super Bowl bluffs for the first time after Sunday's title game in the Superdome.

The Ravens, who are 3 1/2-point underdogs, are on one of those runs reminiscent of recent NFL champions. Indeed,

Road to the Super Bowl

- Baltimore's path to New Orleans led through New England, where the Ravens fell to the Patriots in last year's AFC title game. But they outscored the Patriots 21-0 in the second half to earn their spot in the Super Bowl.

- San Francisco also came up one win short a year ago, losing to the Giants for the NFC championship. That defeat has driven the 49ers just as much as the Ravens' failure in 2011 lifted them.

the New York Giants reached the Super Bowl a year ago in a similar manner, winning a wild-card game at home, then two playoffs on the road, including an overtime thriller.

The Giants got healthy down the stretch, something the Ravens have replicated, particularly on defence where star linebackers Ray Lewis and Terrell Suggs are giving vintage performances following injury-shortened seasons.

"That's what's been our road," Lewis said. "No matter who's been up, who's been down, who's been hurt, who's been injured. We found a way to pick each other up."

These Niners are built around a physical, stingy defence — that also has been the Ravens' persona for years, although not as much in 2012 as in Lewis's other 17 pro seasons. Linebacker Patrick Willis, who like Lewis wears No. 52 and is a perennial All-Pro, is the anchor.

"As a kid, you grew up watching," Willis said. "Last year we were one game away. To be able to be here is truly special."

To make it extra special, San Francisco's offence will need to outdo Baltimore's. The Ravens have scored 90 points in three games, and the Niners have 73 in two.

Baltimore's defence has made big plays against Andrew Luck, Peyton Manning and Tom Brady. Now it gets an entirely different type of quarterback, Colin Kaepernick. His combination of running skill, powerful arm and surprising cool for a second-year pro makes him particularly dangerous against the Ravens. Baltimore does not have the fastest defence in the



San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore runs a drill during practice on Thursday in New Orleans. The 49ers are set to play the Baltimore Ravens in the Super Bowl on Sunday. MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I believe we have found a way to believe in each other, and nothing else matters."

Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis, who will retire after the game, on his team's attitude.

Forgotten QB Taylor will be waiting in the wings on Sunday



Baltimore Ravens backup quarterback Tyrod Taylor runs with the ball against the Cincinnati Bengals Dec. 30 in Cincinnati. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Tyrod Taylor is the forgotten quarterback at the Super Bowl.

Everyone knows the starters, of course, Baltimore's Joe Flacco and San Francisco's Colin Kaepernick.

They even know about Alex Smith, who started for the 49ers until he was sidelined with a concussion in November and Kaepernick stepped in.

And Taylor? His resumé can be summed up on the top half of an index card: Two years, no starts and 30 passes — 25 of them in the Ravens' meaningless regular-season finale against Cincinnati last month.

That's because Flacco has started every game during the past five seasons and never has missed a down because of injury or ineffectiveness.

Still, Taylor knows he's only one play away from getting into the Super Bowl, and for that reason he's practising hard this week as Sunday's championship game draws near.

"There are so many situations throughout the league where the next guy is called in, so you can't look at how many straight games Joe has played without being

league.

Then again, the 49ers must deal with Joe Flacco, the only QB to win a post-season game in each of his first five seasons. Flacco also has six road playoff

victories, a league record.

While the Ravens and 49ers play for each other, the Harbaugh brothers, John of the Ravens and Jim of the 49ers, will go against each other in

the first Super Bowl featuring sibling head coaches. They've had fun with the topic this week, but it will be as serious as football can get on Sunday.

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'Operation Red Zone'

Officials nab phoney merch

Investigators have confiscated more than \$13.6 million US worth of phoney sports merchandise over the past five months and expect to seize more in New Orleans during Super Bowl week, a federal law-enforcement official said Thursday.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton said authorities also have shut down more than 300 websites selling counterfeit goods as part of an enforcement effort dubbed "Operation Red Zone." The operation targeted international shipments of jerseys, hats and other souvenirs entering the U.S. for sale by stores, flea markets and street vendors.

And federal investigators say they have intelligence that shows even the Mexican drug cartels are getting involved in the counterfeit NFL black market trade because they can make quick money by selling fake jerseys in flea markets and parking lots.

In September, for example, HSI's newly created trade enforcement unit seized dozens of counterfeit San Francisco 49ers, Minnesota Vikings and Miami Dolphins jerseys around New Mexico.

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Performance enhancer

No HGH tests despite deal

Count Baltimore Ravens defensive end Arthur Jones among those NFL players who want the league and union to finally agree on a way to do blood testing for human growth hormone.

"It would be fair to do blood testing," Jones said. "Hopefully they figure it out."

When the Ravens face the San Francisco 49ers in the Super Bowl on Sunday, two seasons will have come and gone without a single HGH test being administered, even though the league and the NFL Players Association paved the way for it in the 10-year collective bargaining agreement they signed in August 2011.

Since then, the sides have haggled over various elements, primarily the union's insistence that it needs more information about the validity of a test that is used by Olympic sports and Major League Baseball. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Arthur Jones GETTY IMAGES

Wrinkle in Ravens attack?

The 49ers are preparing for Tyrod Taylor, too.

- While Flacco is a traditional pocket passer, Taylor is just as likely to scoot downfield as throw the ball.
- He ran for 65 yards in a game against the Bengals, and at Virginia Tech he set a school record for rushing yards by a quarterback (2,196).

injured," Taylor said. "You never know what can happen at any second of the game. I have to be ready to take over if that happens."

Being a backup QB is a role Taylor takes seriously. He isn't in the Big Easy this week to take a stroll on Bourbon Street or munch on beignets.

"You have to be ready to play," Taylor said. "That's how you have to carry yourself throughout the week as far as preparation. You have to be physically prepared and mentally prepared because you never know when the opportunity may come."

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Something to prove on Sunday

Experience, statistics and past performance will go out the window on Sunday and these six players will be expected to be top producers on one of sport's biggest stages under the bright lights of the Super Bowl.

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Joe Flacco, quarterback

Has eight touchdowns and no interceptions in this post-season ... Is 8-4 in playoffs ... Outplayed top draftee Andrew Luck, then Peyton Manning, then Tom Brady in leading Ravens to Super Bowl.

Anquan Boldin, wide receiver

Helped Arizona to 2009 Super Bowl and has been sensational in this post-season ... Has 16 receptions for 17.3-yard average and three scores, two in AFC title games ... Powerful, versatile and can out-leap defenders for balls ... Made 65 catches for 921 yards and four touchdowns this season.



Ray Lewis, inside linebacker

"The Raven," as teammate Bernard Pollard calls him ... Emotional engine for Baltimore for entire career, retires after this game ... Missed 10 games with torn right triceps, but has been sensational in playoffs with 44 tackles ... MVP of 2001 Super Bowl, Ravens' only championship ... Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 and '03.



Colin Kaepernick, quarterback

Dynamic player who replaced injured Alex Smith in November and kept the job ... Fast with long strides, set record for position with 181 yards rushing versus Green Bay, including 59-yard touchdown ... Strong arm, unafraid to throw into tight spots ... Excellent weapon in read-option, although Niners don't use it that much.



Michael Crabtree, wide receiver

Matured this season and became a true No. 1 receiver ... Led team with 85 catches, 1,105 yards and nine touchdowns ... Somehow finds way to get wide open several times a game ... Good after the catch, but needs to consider better ball security; fumbled at the Atlanta 1-yard line in conference championship.



Patrick Willis, inside linebacker

All-Pro tackling machine ... With apologies to Lewis, Willis is best linebacker in this Super Bowl — and probably best in entire league ... Has made All-Pro in five of six seasons and took Defensive Rookie of Year honours in 2007 ... Had 120 tackles, 88 solo this season.



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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

You will do your reputation, and maybe your bank balance too, a heap of good today by doing something that takes friends and family by surprise. People expect you to think and act in certain ways — so prove them wrong.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Whatever you do and however you do it, people will applaud you for a job well done. Both at home and at work you are leading a charmed life at the moment. Make the most of it. You know it won't last!

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

What you dream of now will come true in the near future, so dream away to your heart's content. It may be that certain people are not taking you seriously but they will soon learn the error of their ways.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may be tempted to treat life as a bit of a joke over the next 24 hours, and most likely you are right to do so. The things that other people get worked up about are not worth the time or effort.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Anything is possible if you want it enough. If you really, truly desire something you will find a way to get it. Keep that thought in mind not just today but throughout the coming month. And act on it.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You won't lack for self-belief today but watch out you don't get overly confident and make a mess of a task you could usually do with your eyes closed. You know what comes before a fall, don't you? Pride.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Try to be a bit more cautious in your decisions today, especially if you are involved in a project that could cost you rather a lot if it goes wrong. Remember: There is no such thing as a sure thing.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

This looks like an excellent day for affairs of the heart. If there is someone you have been admiring from afar, now is the time to get up closer. Make contact and look for ways to spark a romance.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

No matter how daunting the task that faces you today you will make a good job of it. The most important step is the first one, so stop worrying that you are out of your depth and get cracking.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Don't push yourself too hard today. Jupiter, planet of excess, is now moving forwards again through the wellbeing area of your chart, so you may be tempted to do something rash. You'll regret it in the morning.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your task for the day is to help others — not just friends and family but people you meet out in the world as well. The best way to help, as always, is to lead by example. No one does it better than you.

♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

It's OK to have fun — in fact it's essential — but don't go overboard and forget that you still have chores to finish and duties to fulfill. The harder you work now, the happier your weekend will be.

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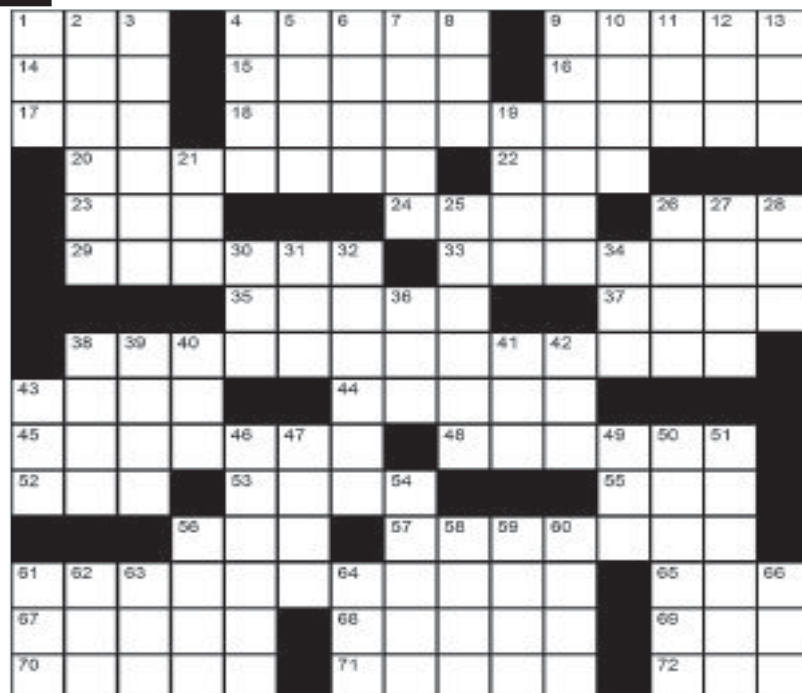
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. On the 3rd of __, 1959 - The Day the Music Died
4. "La __" by Ritchie Valens
9. "Raining in My __" by Buddy Holly
14. Card deck symbol
15. Distant
16. __-Loompa
17. Fluffy scarf
18. The art of DJ-ing as music performance
20. Plotted
22. Acronym for time as yet unknown
23. The __ (Sault Ste. Marie's nickname)
24. Wrapped garment
26. Soft & __ (Antiperspirant brand)
29. Habituates to hardship [var. sp.]
33. Did this " __"
35. .pdf files program, __ Acrobat
37. Car trip stopovers
38. 1958 hit for The Big Bopper: 2 wds.
43. Trompe l'__ (Visual illusion)
44. Heighten
45. Winnipeg intersection, __ and Main
48. Some antelopes
52. The Waste Land poet's monogram
53. Born and __
55. "Phooey!"
56. Commerce grad's letters
57. Gordon Lightfoot's birthplace in Ontario
61. Northwest Territories capital
65. Sob
67. Characteristic
68. Actress Anna
69. Supplement
70. Swiped card
71. Movie reviewers, e.g.
72. Serpent's sound

Down

1. __ Four (Beatles)
2. Nouvelle-__ = Nova Scotia
3. Lighthouse



4. Diminish
5. Grad
6. Extra
7. Glues
8. Toward the ship's stern
9. The __ = Bilbo Baggins
10. Orlando's Lake __
11. Pierre's friend
12. Fast rotation meas.
13. Scottish hat
19. Bell town in a Longfellow poem
21. NBA's Rockets, on scoreboards
25. Antarctica penguin
26. Therefore: French
27. Celine's manager/hubby
28. Egos and __
30. Sprinted
31. Summer hrs. indicator
32. Evening party
34. Ms. Carrere
36. "Yeck."
38. Prezres
39. Contract
40. Supermodel Carol
41. Fashionable monogram
42. Ms. Michele of "Glee"
43. Select
46. First Canadian-born Prime Minister, John __

47. 'Mc' add-on (Dr. Phil's last name)
49. Patriots org.
50. Frees from frost
51. Jets rivals in "West Side Story"
54. Teutonic thunder god
56. Old Rome's 1052
58. Rihanna's nickname
59. " __ ain't broke...": 2 wds.
60. Fewer
61. Since Jan. 1st on a financial rpt.
62. Poetically before
63. Popular li'l dog
64. The Col.'s eatery
66. Qui's meaning

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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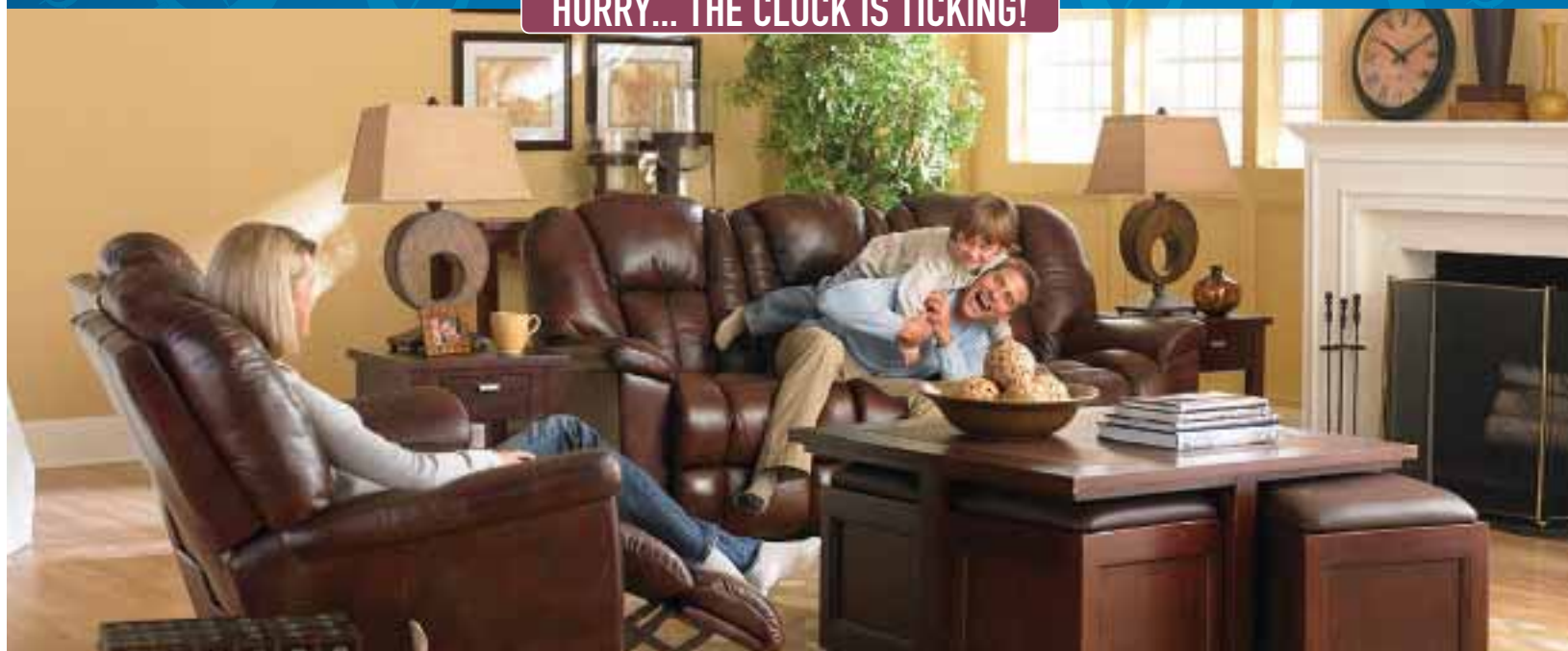
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